**Recreation and Wellness Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, November 19, 2021 : 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Marie Turchiano (Committee Chair), Dr. Marisa Bisiani (AVP), Thomas Lail (RAW), Beyonce Dennis (Fitness), Pujan Patel (USG), Matt Jacob (Intramural Sports), Natalia Skonieczna (Commuter Association), Juliana Hise (SHAC), Emma Waechter (Aquatics), Alex Birchmore (Club Sports), Laura Fitzgerald (RAW), Terrell Amparado (RAW), Marlene Kasman (RAW), Tom St. John (RAW), Trevor Kapuvari (Res. Life)

**I. Introductions:** Marie welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room and on zoom. She thanked everyone for coming to the last meeting of the fall 2021 semester.

**II. Staff Updates:** **(Marie)**

Terrell Amparado was introduced as the new Manager of Student Personnel. Terrell is the night manager along with being responsible for all the hiring of the operations staff and the HR paperwork for the department.

**III. Facility and Field Updates (Tom)**

1. South P Field Complex and Facility – A GPS operated robotic field liner was purchased. Seven fields are needed this weekend for a tournament. The robotic field liner can line one field in 18 minutes. It is highly efficient and saves on time and paint. New flooring is completed in the locker room and new furniture has been purchased. Clubs will have access to this area. Income from rentals is used to upgrade the South P complex.

Fields are being winterized.

1. Intramural fields – Grass was put down but we are still looking to turf those fields. Participation in outdoor intramural sports was down this season. Students expressed that it was inconvenient to go to South P fields.
2. Recreation Center - Wood Courts and wood floors in studios will be resurfaced during Winter break. Day lockers are being renovated.

Temporary chiller has been removed. New chiller is expected to be completed in late February 2022.

New Equipment – All treadmills and elliptical will be replaced this academic year. Total cost appx. $600,000. Current equipment is no longer under warranty. We receive a small trade in value for old equipment or it is given to the residential gyms on campus.

Additional weight racks and a crossfit setup was installed on the second floor.

Students are requesting additional stretching areas. Areas are being evaluated to move equipment around to provide additional mats for students.

MAC Ct. – Enzo covid testing ends on 12/20. We are still unsure if they will be back for the spring semester. Utilizing the court interferes with indoor soccer. The request was made to have it moved so it does not interfere with intramurals.

On 11/30, renovation will begin on the conference room and multipurpose room. The rooms and furniture are approximately 10 years old. New audio visual equipment will confirm to the rest of the campus. October 2023 is the Recreation Centers 10th anniversary.

**VI. Recreation Center Area Updates**

a) Fitness/Aquatics/Challenge Course/Marketing (Laura)

Fitness – no classes Wednesday – Sunday Thanksgiving week. Will resume on Monday 11/29 until the end of the semester.

Pool – Will be closed on Thanksgiving and the Friday after. Winter hours are not yet available.

Challenge Course – Remains closed. Area needs to be weeded and poison ivy removed. We have not had access to the area due to the field hospitals. Hoping to resume in the spring. We are doing team building activities inside.

Off Campus Trips – 50 students went to paintball and had a great time. A bus will be taking students to Tanger Riverhead the day after Thanksgiving. Cost is $5/student. Last trip of the semester is an Islander/Blackhawks game at the new UBS arena on 12/5. Cost is $45 and includes bus, game and snacks.

b) Intramurals (Thomas) – Basketball and Volleyball intramurals are winding down. Playoffs are right before finals. Waiting on the status of the covid test site on the mac courts to determine what sports will be offered in the spring.

c) Club Sports (Tom)

Rugby and woman’s soccer finished this week. Ballroom dance is hosting an event this weekend. Hockey team is in the top 10 in the country and is competing in Delaware.

Space requests have been sent out for the spring semester.

d) Staff (Marlene) – Currently hiring a few new students to fill in gaps.

**V. Open Agenda**

Q) Will intramurals bring back water tube polo?

A) Yes, they are planning it as an event next semester.

Q) Would it be possible to purchase a Peleton treadmill?

A) They are not approved for commercial use so the warranty would be voided.

Comment – Likes the new racks upstairs. There is confusion about the mats under the new climbing apparatus when people are stretching and others are climbing and swinging.

Tom explained that those mats were not for stretching and were only put there as a safety measure for the climbing unit. More stretching areas are being assessed.

Marie thanked everyone for their input, advised all that their input is taken seriously and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving,

Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2022 from 12pm – 1pm.